Projects for Tourism in Assam

*410. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourism projects proposed to be undertaken this year in Assam;

(b) whether any steps will be taken for improving the Kaji Ranga game sanctuary; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Under the newly introduced schemes namely Integrated Development of Travel Circuit and Product Infrastructure and Destination Development, it is proposed to develop a travel circuit and a destination in the State of Assam during the current year 2004-2005 to promote tourism in the State.

(b) and (c) During 2002-2003, under the scheme of integrated development of North-East Circuit including Kaziranga Assam Government was sanctioned Rs. 242.00 Lakhs with the following components:

(i) Brahmaputra River Front Development at Guwahati (Rs. 30.00 Lakhs)

(ii) Development of Ethnic Village at Bhalukpunj, Tezpur (Rs. 45.00 Lakhs)

(iii) Camping site at Kohra range Kaziranga (Rs. 142.00 Lakhs)

(iv) Road Signages for Assam (Rs. 25.00 Lakhs)

During 2003-04, Rs. 158 lakhs was sanctioned for a project for Integrated Tourist Complex at Agartoli Range, Kaziranga.

Issue of Kisan Credit Cards in Manipur

*411. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kisan Credit Cards issued to farmers in both hills and valley districts of Manipur;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the performance of

banks and response of farmers, and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in the negative, how and in what manner Government propose to tackle and solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The details of the Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) issued to farmers in both hilly and valley districts of Manipur, as reported by National Bank for agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are given below:

As on 30 6 2004	Valley Districts (Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur Districts)		Hill Districts (Chandel, Churachndpur, Senapati, Tamenglong and Ukhrol Districts)		Total KCCs Issued	Total Amount Disbursed (Rs lakhs)
	No of Cards Issued	Amount Disbursed (Rs lakhs)	No of Cards Issued	Amount Disbursed (Rs lakhs)		
	4452	809 98	1818	292 96	6270	1,102 94

(b) and (c) The progress in implementation of KCC scheme in the Hill and valley districts of the State is very slow

Subsequent to the announcement made by the Government on 18 6 2004 to double the flow of credit to agriculture and allied activities in the next three years, banks have been advised to make every effort to enhance the flow of institutional credit including through KCC NABARD has been making efforts to sensitise bankers to the need for improving the coverage, besides reviewing progress at Block, District and State Level Bankers' Committee Meetings convened by the lead bank, United Bank of India. In addition, grant assistance to State Co-operative Bank (SCB)/District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs)/and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) has been provided by NABARD to take up publicity in the area for KCC. An amount of Rs 2.25 lakh has been budgeted for this purpose, for Manipur state, during the current year.

Non-performing Assets of ICICI Bank

*412. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the RBI inspection report on ICICI bank regarding non-performing assets;